

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 24th February 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Cars for the use of the Ministers

* 77 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have imported cars for the use of the Ministers in the State during 1959–60;

(*b*) if so, the number and the make of the sars so imported; and

(*c*) the cost of each car?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the local Government made representations to the Union Government about the purchase of new cars?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question is whether any cars have been purchased for the Ministers. I have said, "No". If the hon. Member wants any further information, he can put a separate question.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Most of the cars used by Ministers are new. When were they imported?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That shows that we are keeping them well. It is more than five years since we purchased them.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Why is it that the Ministers are having huge cars while the Prime Minister said the other day that the Raj Bhavan should have small cars?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : These are cars purchased long ago. If the hon. Member wants us to dispose of them, that is a different matter.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The Cabinet formed in 1957 was almost without any change. Am I to take it that no car was changed in these few years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : After that, a few cars have been changed.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, when a car is allotted to any individual Minister, whether there is any stipulation that he should use it for a certain period, unless it is declared unfit for the use of the Minister earlier?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Standards have been laid down. The cars should have done a running of 50,000 miles. As a matter of fact, most of the cars have done a running of about 70,000 miles. The car of the Minister for Industries might have done a running of more than a lakh of miles.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : When a Minister lays down office or his term of office expires, how is the car disposed of? Is it sold by public auction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : If it can still be used, it may be passed on to the successors of the Ministers.

Teleprinter factory

*78 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have been consulted in the matter of location of Teleprinter factory at Guindy, Madras?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is this factory for manufacturing parts or for manufacturing teleprinters?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It will also be for manufacturing parts of teleprinters. In the first stage, it will be assembling parts, and in the course of two or three years, we will start manufacturing teleprinters.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it a Government of India undertaking or a State Government undertaking?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is a Government of India undertaking.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know the capital amount involved in setting up this factory and the number of sets which are likely to be produced in the first or second year?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We do not know the capital structure of this company, but we will make roughly two to three thousand units to start with, and then it will progressively increase.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is there any provision for training apprentices in this factory?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. It will be part of the scheme. But I want to correct the answer given to the previous supplementary question. To start with, it will be 176 and it will go to 1,226 machines in the course of two or three years.